THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes Sir, Shri Gurucharan Singh Tohra, Hon'ble MP took up a case of Shri Gurjit Singh Dhaliwal a Canadian citizen who was sent back from Indira Gandhi International Airport on 21.2.2001.

(b) Shri Gurjit Singh Dhaliwal came to India on 21.2.2001 by Singapore Airlines flight No. SQ 408 with one year tourist visa issued by Consulate General of India, Houston. Shri Gurjit Singh Dhaliwal was a subject of Prior Reference Category (PRC) of Home Ministry with effect from 24.3.1999 due to adverse report against him. Our Immigration authorities do not allow entry of PRC subjects into India without prior approval of Home Ministry. Therefore, he was not allowed entry into India when he landed at Indira Gandhi International Airport without obtaining the prior approval of the concerned authorities and was deported back. His case is under review in consultation with Intelligence agencies.

Place for National song in terms of protocol procedure

3213. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the place given to Vande Mataram as the National song in terms of protocol procedure;

(b) whether there is any prescribed tune for it;

(c) if so, who composed the tune; and

(d) if not, whether there is any proposal to prescribe a tune for the song?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Vande Mataram is honoured equally with Jana Gana Mana and has equal status with it

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) There is no proposal to prescribe a tune for the song.

Verification of the antecedents of employees of private security agencies

3214. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken cognizance of the dacoity in the Private Security Agency's van carrying Rs. 2 crores of ICICI Bank in New Delhi recently;

(b) whether all private security agencies are required to be registered with Government agency and whether the antecedents of the employees are verified by the police;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps have been taken to ensure that militant groups and ISI agents do not open security agency or join them for their intelligence activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) The Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Failure to trace key conspirator in Purulia arms dropping case

3215. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even after six years of Purulia arms dropping case the key conspirator is yet to be traced by the CBI, despite having investigations carried out in several countries;

(b) if so, what is the estimated expenditure incurred, so far, on investigations carried out by CBI in several countries stating the names of these countries; and

(c) what are the reasons for failure to nab the key conspirator of the case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) CBI, with the help of Interpol Headquarters traced Mr. Kim P. Davy, one of the key conspirators in the case, in Sweden in 1996, in Brazil in 1998, Ecuador in 1998, Sudan in 1998, Netherland in 2000 and Denmark in 2000. However, before the Law Enforcement Agencies could act to apprehend him, he escaped. As he is using different identities and passports and moving from one country to the other, it has become very difficult for CBI and even for Interpol-Headquarter to track him accurately.

CBI conducted formal investigations by sending Letters Rogatory to UK, Latvia, Bulgaria, Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan, Denmark, Switzerland, Pakistan